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Woman Ordered to Stand Trial in Breast Cancer Scam Case

A 35-year-old woman has been ordered to stand trial on charges that she bilked more than \$100,000 from people after she claimed she had breast cancer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Maral Injejikian determined yesterday there was enough evidence against Lacy Johnson (dob 10/20/79) for her to stand trial.

Johnson was charged in case BA426898 with four counts of obtaining money, labor or property by false pretenses and one count each of grand theft and first-degree residential burglary.

Between 2010 and 2013, Johnson is accused of receiving more than \$100,000 from people after she told them she needed the money to get treatment for breast cancer, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors added Johnson didn't have breast cancer and there may have been more than 50 victims. Johnson was arrested in 2013 and extradited from Colorado where she lived.

Arraignment is scheduled for Aug. 10 in Department 116 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. If convicted as charged, Johnson faces up to nine years and four months in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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